MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 6th March 1968.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Fifteen Minutes past Two of the Clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN (SRI S. C. EDKE) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Pension to Retired School Teachers

36. Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO (Teachers' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the quarter pension paid to retired Primary School Teachers of the Madras area is less than the old age pension paid to destitutes in many cases ;

(*b*) whether this has now been raised to a minimum of Rs. 20 in Madras ;

(*c*) the increase they propose to give to these teachers ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(*a*) It depends upon individual cases.

(*b*) No information is available.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Sir, according to the budget proposals now before the House, the pension plus D. A. would be Rs. 30. If the budget is passed, will this benefit be extended to these people also ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I do not think so.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Why not, Sir ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—They are are not allottees to this Government.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Sir, they were allottees to this State and they were given the 1/4 pension by the Mysore Government excepting the scheme which had been formulated by the Madras Government. At that time, there was no proposal to have D. A. there as well as here in 1963. Now, the budget proposals are to give D. A. to the triple benefit people also. Why not this be extended to these people also ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.— This is is a matter that has to be examined, Sir.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it not a fact that under the re-organisation of States Act whatever benefits they were entitled to will hold good after integration ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Yes.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Then, why ars these people denied that benefit now ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—What they were getting at the time of re-organisation, they are getting. What the member wants to know is that the amount goes up to Rs. 30 and whether that benefit would be given to them. I said 'no'.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Benefit proposed in the budget straight-away says "all those who are benefited under the triple benefit scheme". Why should this Government make a difference between the triple benefit scheme introduced by our Government and the triple benefit scheme they had at the time of re-organisation of the States ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—According to the scheme of Madras Government they are not eligible.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—According to our scheme, those teachers are not eligible but now you are making them eligible.

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Whether they are to be made eligible or not is a point for examination. I will examine it.

Kannada Typewriters

38. Sri M. P. L. SASTRY (Nominated).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Kannada Typewriters Government have brought for use at (i) District Level (ii) Divisional Level (iii) State Level ;

(*b*) whether the number of Kannada typists are available for work at the above levels ?